

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 127  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Barry Wortman and the 1996-1997 Hickman County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, of the hundreds of high school basketball teams that start the season only a select few persevere through grueling schedules, demonstrate extraordinary skills, successfully meet a number of unexpected challenges and win coveted state championships; and

WHEREAS, the hardwood experts are universal in their unbridled acclaim for the outstanding 1996-1997 Hickman County High School girls' basketball team, which recently culminated a memorable season by winning the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, Hickmans' first step in the rugged title journey was winning the regular season District 9 AA championship, which the team captured with an unblemished 12-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the tenacious Lady Bulldogs next won the District 9 AA Tournament, easily defeating Marshall County 57-25 and Loretto 56-46; and

WHEREAS, the Centerville aces won the Region 5 AA Tournament, beating Greenbrier 76-27, Marshall County 64-36 and Loretto 53-20; and

WHEREAS, Hickman then won the crucial substate game, by besting Page 53-40; and

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WHEREAS, in one of the most impressive performances ever at the state tournament, before thousands of enthusiastic fans, the Lady Bulldogs beat Obion Central 64-51, David Lipscomb 43-31 and McMinn Central 47-32 to win their first state title; and

WHEREAS, utilizing a pressing defense and multi-faceted offense, they finished the season with an enviable 32-4 record, a winning percentage of .889; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach Barry Wortman and his capable Assistant Coaches, Misty Shelton and Aaron Taylor, have done an outstanding job; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented team included seniors: co-captain guard Becky Myatt, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA "Miss Basketball", guard/forward Amanda Judd, forward Eugenia McClain, and co-captain guard/forward Emily Vincent; juniors: forward/center Jennifer Dick, forward Cassidy Jenkins, forward Brandi Jimerson, guard Heidi McDonald, forward/center Jenny Powers, center Talisha Scales; and freshmen guard Racheal Buchanan and forward Brandi Martin; and

WHEREAS, the team has been strongly supported by Superintendent Jerry Burlison, Principal Bert Mathis and Athletic Director Don Qualis; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs have been expertly assisted by Manager Rocky Stinson, Student Trainer Brain Johnson, Trainer Mark Buck and Video Helper Terry Hicks; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and commend this fine team on their success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Barry Wortman and the excellent 1996-1997 Hickman County High School girls' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.